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- 25X1 1. The Bau Union Kuesten was dissolved in April 1953, and currently only workers of the Bau Union Nord, which has headquarters at Stralsund, are employed on the work at the Ruegen U-boat base. Construction activity has fallen off. At the present time, only the erection of shelters for workmen and the clearing away of the piles of debris from the explosions in 1945 are being done.
  - 2. It has been planned touse, with few exceptions, only prisoners from Buotzow-Dreibergen and Bautzen for labor power. The Bau Union Nord must supply the Security Service with the names of about 900 engineers and skilled workmen to direct the prisoner work columns. These experts will be given a thorough personal examination.
  - 3. The reason given for the provisional slackening of activity is that changes in the plans have to be made, because the plans of the former German naval base are inadequate. However, shortage of funds is also a possible decisive factor. The newly created State Secretariat for Roads and Motor Traffic already owed private vehicle owners 600,000 to 700,000 DM Ost in April.
  - 4. For transport facilities there are available about 6,000 tons of cargo capacity of the Auto Transport Cooperative (ATG), besides the vehicles of Bau Union Nord which have a load capacity of 1,000 to 1,500 tons. Cars belonging to the Volkspolizei are also employed, but chiefly to transport workers and guards to the building projects. More than 60 dump trucks (heavy tractors) were brought from Hungary especially for this construction project, but by the end of April, 42 of them had been disabled by broken axles and were unserviceable.
  - 5. A survey staff of the Bau Union Nord is at present engaged in making a new survey of the installations on the Bug which were blown up in 1945. These installations were for naval seaplanes.

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